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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 July 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 7-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

Applicant's election with traverse of Group II, claims 7-15 in the reply filed on 7/10/06 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that no reasons are given. This is not found persuasive because no reasons are given.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

A search reveals preventing or treating infection by *Shigella flexneri* with STI571 is novel.

Claims 7-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for preventing or treating *S. flexneri* with STI571 in cell culture, does not reasonably provide enablement for treating any pathogen with any Abl tyrosine kinase inhibitor in humans. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

In claim the terms "a pathogen" and "an inhibitor of Abl tyrosine kinase" lack enablement as it would require one of ordinary skill in this art undue experimentation to determine which such pathogen or inhibitor would work in the instant invention.

The entire scope of the claims has not been enabled because:

1. Quantity of experimentation necessary would be undue because of the large proportion of inoperative pathogens or inhibitors claimed.
2. Amount of direction or guidance presented is insufficient to predict which pathogens or inhibitors encompassed by the claims would work.

3. Presence of working examples are only for a single specific pathogen and inhibitor in cell culture and extension to other pathogens or inhibitors has not been specifically taught or suggested.
4. The nature of the invention is complex and unpredictable.
5. State of the prior art indicates that most related pathogens and inhibitors are not effective for the claimed functions.
6. Level of predictability of the art is very unpredictable.
7. Breadth of the claims encompasses an innumerable number of pathogens and inhibitors.
8. The level of one of ordinary skill in this art is variable.

In re Wands, 858 F.2d 731, 8 USPQ2d 1400, 1404 (Fed. Cir. 1988)

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to because it is not directed to the claimed invention. Correction is required. See M.P.E.P. § 608.01(b).

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Zimmermann (5,521,184) teaches Gleevec.

Burton (Mol Bio of the Cell) by the inventive entity is an abstract of the invention.

Druker (NEJM) teaches effects of ST1571.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ralph Gitomer whose telephone number is (571) 272-0916. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terry McKelvey can be reached on (571) 272-0775. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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